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- (1) Japanese Published Unexamined Patent Application No. (A) 07-322121 (CANON INC), published December 8, 1995; and

(2) Japanese Published Unexamined Patent  
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